



Standards & Assessment UPDATE

California Department of Education
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Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program

California Reports for Teachers

District STAR coordinators should have received the 2003 California Reports for Teachers by November 14, 2003. The reports are packaged by school and should be forwarded to schools as soon as they are received. The school packages are not to be opened at the school district office. The school district and school packages include letters that provide information about the confidentiality of the information in the reports and the specific California Education Code and federal laws that protect the confidentiality of the data. The school district package includes sample reports and copies of the letters that are included in the school packages.

Stanford 9-CAT/6 Linking Study

Educational Testing Service (ETS) conducted a study to link scores from the 2002 Stanford 9 examination to the 2003 CAT/6 examination. The results of the study were released to district STAR coordinators on September 23 and are also posted in the STAR Document Library at <http://www.startest.org>.

Primary Language Test Extended

The State Board of Education (SBE) designated the *Spanish Assessment of Basic Education, Second Edition* (SABE/2) as the STAR Program primary language test for one additional year. The spring testing window is March 15 through May 14, 2004, with make-up testing allowed until May 21, 2004.

STAR Title 5 Regulation Amendments Approved for Public Review and Comment

The amendments to the STAR Title 5 Regulations were approved by the SBE at the board meeting November 12, 2003. The regulations will be available on the CDE Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov>.

STAR Reminders

■ Grade Five Science Test

All grade five students will take a California Science Standards Test in spring 2004. This new test includes the grade four and five standards for physical, life, and earth sciences.

■ No Child Left Behind Participation Rate

California uses California English-language arts and Mathematics Standards tests for grades two through eight to meet federal No Child Left Behind requirements. A minimum of 95 percent of students enrolled in these grades must be tested in each content area.

California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE)

2002-03 Results Posted

On October 10, 2003 the California Department of Education (CDE) released the aggregate California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) results for the 2002-03 school year for grades ten and eleven. School, school district, county, and state reports for the six administrations (July, September, November 2002 and January, March, May 2003), as well as a combined report, are available on the CDE DataQuest Web site <http://data1.cde.ca.gov/dataquest>.

Assistance Materials Available

The *Reporting 2002-03 School, School District, and County Results* and *Notifying Parents/Guardians for the 2003-04 School Year* assistance packets have been mailed to CAHSEE testing coordinators and posted on the CDE Web site <http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/cahsee>. The reporting results assistance packet provides guidelines for reporting results locally. The notification packet provides assistance with the legal requirements for notifying parents/guardians of the CAHSEE graduation requirement.

Certificate of Accomplishment and Disclosed Test Form Posted on Secure Web Site

A disclosed test form of the CAHSEE, based on the original blueprint, has been posted on the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Web site <<http://www.ets.org/cahsee/>>. School districts may use this secure, disclosed test form to assess students in the class of 2004 or 2005 who want to receive the CAHSEE Certificate of Accomplishment or CAHSEE seal, which is also posted on this Web site. The certificate and seal may be awarded to students who get a passing score on the disclosed test form or who passed the CAHSEE during a previous administration. School districts choosing to use the disclosed test form must administer and score it locally. **School districts may not use the CAHSEE as a local graduation requirement for the class of 2004 or 2005.**

CAHSEE Reminders

■ Documenting Results for Class of 2004 or 2005 Students

Although students in the classes of 2004 and 2005 are no longer required to meet the CAHSEE requirement, the CAHSEE regulations require that CAHSEE results from previous administrations be maintained in students' permanent records. School districts determine locally whether permanent records will be used as transcripts. Results on the disclosed form of the CAHSEE do not apply to this requirement.

■ Funding for Class of 2004 or 2005 Remediation

School districts can receive funding to provide remediation to students in the class of 2004 or 2005. Even though these students are no longer eligible to take the CAHSEE, Education Code section 37252 allows school districts to receive remediation funding. For further information, please contact Shelley Goode in the CDE School Fiscal Services Division at (916) 324-4530.

■ Independent Evaluation Report Now Available

In its fourth annual evaluation, Human Resources Research Organization, the independent evaluator of the CAHSEE, conducted further analyses of the 2002-03 CAHSEE results and surveyed principals, teachers, and students regarding the impact of the CAHSEE at the local level. The *CAHSEE Year 4 Evaluation Report* is now available on the CDE Web site at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/cahsee/>>.

Golden State Examination (GSE)

Beginning in 2004, the GSEs will no longer be administered. Funding for the GSEs was cut from the 2003-04 state budget and Assembly Bill 1266, approved in September 2003, repealed the GSE program. Results of the spring 2003

administration of the GSE for reading, writing, and high school math were sent to school districts the first week of October.

California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE)

2003-04 Testing Schedule

The California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) was administered November 15, 2003 and is scheduled to be administered again on March 20, 2004. The Information Bulletin with registration materials for the March administration will be available on the CDE Web site at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/chspe/>> by the first of the year.

California Physical Fitness Test

Test Results to be Released

In November, the 2002-03 California Physical Fitness Test results will be available on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/pelpe.html>>. School, school district, county, and state results will be displayed on the Web site. No individual student data will be reported on the Internet.

2003-04 Testing Packet

In November, the 2003-04 Physical Fitness Testing Packet, which provides information about the spring 2004 test administration and data reporting, will be available on the CDE Web site at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov/statetests/pelpe.html>>.

Standards and Assessment Information Meeting Dates

The California Department of Education will be holding Standards and Assessment Information Meetings in February 2004 at the following locations:

Northern California	February 5, 2004	Sacramento
Southern California	February 10, 2004	Burbank

Registration materials will be sent at a later date.

For More Information...

For more information about any of the state assessments, contact the Standards and Assessment Division of the California Department of Education at (916) 445-9441 (phone), at (916) 319-0968 (fax), at <STAR@cde.ca.gov>(e-mail), or at <<http://www.cde.ca.gov>> (Internet). Your questions will be directed to the appropriate person.